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## IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A rolling boot (10) for sealing two rotational parts (21, 22) which rotate together, and which can be articulated relative to ene another and/or which are or axially displaceable relative to one another, which relling boot (10) has a longitudinal and symmetry axis. A, which relling boot (10) eemprises comprising:

a first collar (11) with a smaller first diameter for being secured on a first rotational part (11) with a smaller diameter,

a second collar (12) with a <u>larger second</u> diameter for being secured on a second rotational part (12) with a larger diameter, <u>the first diameter being smaller than</u> the second diameter; and

an annular wall (13) whose diameter widens from the smaller first collar (11) to the larger second collar (12),

wherein the annular wall (13), in a stress-free condition after having been produced, at the unclamped-in rolling boot when the boot is at rest and unclamped, in a longitudinal half-section, extends in one layer in a continuously widening S-shaped way with an inward curvature next to the smaller first collar (11) and with an outward curvature next to the larger second collar (12); and

wherein the inner annular wall (13), in a <u>pre-stressed</u> condition <del>pro-stressed</del> due to having been folded over, after assembly, in the longitudinal half-section, extends in a partially doubled-up condition in a C-shaped way between the <del>smaller</del> first collar (11) and the <del>larger</del> second collar (12).

## 2.-12. (cancelled)

13. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 1, wherein the annular wall, when the boot is at rest and unclamped, adjoins the first collar so as to extend approximately axis-parallel relative to a longitudinal boot axis (A).

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- 14. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 1, wherein the annular wall, when the boot is at rest and unclamped, adjoins the second collar so as to extend approximately axis-parallel relative to a longitudinal boot axis (A).
- 15. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 13, wherein the annular wall, when the boot is at rest and unclamped, adjoins the second collar so as to extend approximately axis-parallel relative to the longitudinal boot axis (A).
- 16. (new) A rolling boot for sealing two rotational parts which rotate together, and which can be articulated or axially displaceable relative to one another, comprising:
- a first collar with a smaller diameter for being secured on a first rotational part with a smaller diameter;
- a second collar with a second diameter for being secured on a second rotational part with a larger diameter, the first diameter being smaller than the second diameter; and
- an annular wall whose diameter widens from the first collar to the second collar,
- wherein the annular wall, when the boot is at rest and unclamped, in a longitudinal half-section, extends in one layer in a continuously widening C-shaped way with an inward curvature between the first collar and the second collar.
- and wherein the annular wall, in a pre-stressed condition due to having been folded over and the boot clamped in, in the longitudinal half-section, extends in a partially doubled-up C-shaped way between the first collar and the second collar.
- 17. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 16, wherein the annular wall, when the boot is at rest and unclamped, adjoins the first collar so as to extend approximately axis-parallel relative to a longitudinal boot axis (A).

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- 18. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 16, wherein the annular wall, when the boot is at rest and unclamped, in the longitudinal half-section, adjoins the second collar at an acute angle relative to a longitudinal boot axis (A).
- 19. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 17, wherein the annular wall, when the boot is at rest and unclamped, in the longitudinal half-section, adjoins the second collar at an acute angle relative to the longitudinal boot axis (A).
- 20. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 1, wherein the first collar is inwardly thickened relative to the annular wall.
- 21. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 16, wherein the first collar is inwardly thickened relative to the annular wall.
- 22. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 1, wherein the first collar, on its outside, comprises an annular groove for receiving a tensioning strip.
- 23. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 16, wherein the first collar, on its outside, comprises an annular groove for receiving a tensioning strip.
- 24. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 1, wherein the second collar is in the form of a rounded bead.
- 25. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 16, wherein the second collar is in the form of a rounded bead.
- 26. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 24, wherein the second collar is beaded into an annular attaching cap.

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- 27. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 25, wherein the second collar is beaded into an annular attaching cap.
- 28. (new) A rolling boot according claim 1, wherein, an inside of the first collar includes a ventilation channel comprising longitudinal grooves circumferentially offset relative to one another, and a circumferential groove connecting the longitudinal grooves.
- 29. (new) A rolling boot according claim 16, wherein, an inside of the first collar includes a ventilation channel comprising longitudinal grooves circumferentially offset relative to one another, and a circumferential groove connecting the longitudinal grooves.
- 30. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 1 comprising a thin-walled protective sleeve at the first collar, axially opposite the annular wall, a free end of the sleeve being at the shortest distance from a longitudinal boot axis (A).
- 31. (new) A rolling boot according to claim 16 comprising a thin-walled protective sleeve at the first collar, axially opposite the annular wall, a free end of the sleeve being at the shortest distance from a longitudinal boot axis (A).